

REMARKS

Applicants have amended their claims in order to facilitate proceedings in the above-identified application, so as to achieve earliest possible issuance of a U.S. patent based thereon. Specifically, Applicants have canceled claims 45 and 46 without prejudice or disclaimer, and, in particular, without prejudice to the filing of a Continuation application directed to the subject matter thereof.


In the Office Action mailed March 25, 2005, claims 45 and 46 were rejected on prior art grounds, in Items 5 and 6 on pages 3 and 4 of such Office Action. In view of present of canceling of claims 45 and 46, the prior art rejections in the Office Action mailed March 25, 2005, are moot in connection with the above-identified application.

The Examiner is thanked for allowance of claims 1-3 and 33-44, set forth in Item 7 on page 4 of the Office Action mailed March 25, 2005. Accordingly, with the present canceling of claims 45 and 46 without prejudice or disclaimer, all remaining claims in the application stand allowed. In view thereof, indication of allowance of all claims remaining in the application, and passing of the above-identified application to issue in due course, are respectfully requested.

Applicants request any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper be charged to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (case 501.41261X00) and credit any overpayment to such Deposit Account.

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